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IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(i) please amend the claims as indicated below.

Please amend each of claims 49 and 52 to read as follows:

D³ 49. (Amended) A compound having bone stimulatory activity in mammals, the compound comprising the amino acid sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:46 wherein a substitution of the serine residue at position number 9 of said sequence by a nonpolar or uncharged polar amino acid is permitted provided the compound has bone stimulatory activity.

D⁴ 52. (Amended) A compound which comprises the amino acid sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:45.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), we enclose separate pages marked "CLAIMS - Version with markings to show changes made" in which all the changes to the claims made relative to the previous version are shown explicitly, inserted passages being indicated by underlined boldface type, deleted passages being in boldface type enclosed in square brackets.

Please cancel claims 24 to 48.

REMARKS

Claims 49 to 53 are pending in the application.

No new matter has been added by the amendments made herein, the nature of the amendments being described further below.